

HOUSE RESOLUTION 7

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lotheradge Dean Ford of Hartsville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Lotheradge Dean Ford; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ford was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as a building contractor, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of World War II, Mr. Ford volunteered for service in the United States Air Force, heroically and honorably serving this country in numerous locations all over the world before culminating his service in Germany; and

WHEREAS, immediately following the war, he was a veterans farm training instructor, sharing his expertise and knowledge of farming with his fellow veterans; and

WHEREAS, later, while working as a building contractor, Mr. Ford was instrumental in building many Stuckey restaurants and stores; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ford and his wife, Eleanor, owned Flowerland for thirty-two years, in which endeavor he further excelled in his accomplishments as a businessman of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ford enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Eleanor Ford, who survives him; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud father of Stephen Walter and his wife, Ann Ford; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his grandchildren and their spouses, Samantha and Shay Barnett, and Marshall and Julie Ford; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ford's legacy will be remembered by his five great-grandchildren, Mark Williams, Jr., Ryan Ford Williams, Kaleb Barnett, Marlie Ford, and Perry Ford; and

WHEREAS, he will be deeply missed by his brother and sister-in-law, Rex and Pauline Ford; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ford will be fondly remembered by his godchildren, Bess and Rob Rickman and Gretchen Wagner Borders, and a host of friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ford leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Lothar Dean Ford, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Ford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.